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its original form would establish state standards, uniform state standards which localities could not adopt any standard more stringent than. This amendment would say exactly the opposite that the local political subdivisions could indeed adopt standards more stringent than those adopted by the state code and I think that the issue is quite clear. It is whether or not you think that your localities and your towns have a sufficient interest and responsibility in determining what adequate standards are for the localities or whether all of those decisions should be made in Lincoln and I think that the decision is an easy one, that we should return this authority where it has always resided to the political subdivisions of the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, of course, I strenuously object to the Cavanaugh amendment. Senator Cavanaugh is presenting some interesting views to you. I would like to point out that my amendment reinstated the language of the bill as it was originally introduced and that is the way it ought to go through and that is the way it stands today and that is why the Cavanaugh amendment ought to be defeated very quickly. I would like to suggest to you on what is really happening here. We have never been too candid about it but it is about time that we are. The favorite cliché of local control is being raised here but what kind of local control is it. It is local control to adopt something more stringent, not less stringent. We have two very able representatives in this body, in the lobby. One of them represents the League of Nebraska Municipalities, the other the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Were they down here objecting to the bill in its original form, in other words, the way we have got it today? You bet your life they weren't here objecting to it. They are not concerned about local control to adopt more stringent standards. What we have here is a repeat of what has happened around the nation in the past. The trades are trying to protect their position. They are trying to insure that we do not come up with a modern performance based code, something that we have some assurance on now since Senator Barnett put that language back in which was stricken by the Committee. If they are really concerned about having modern codes adequate to meet the standards in Omaha or any other city, those sections wouldn't have been struck before. Well, Senator Barnett has reinstated them so we have got specific direction to come up with recognized code performance base somewhat like the national standards or exactly like them. What we have here is an opportunity for the trades to insure that obsolete materials, obsolete practices continue to be required in municipal codes and that is exactly what we have had in the city of Omaha in the past. I can't tell you if we have it in the present because I haven't seen their code lately. Well, usually the trades and the unions that represent them, I would think, would be